

REMARKS

Claims 1,3, 26, 27, 17, 18 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Allen et al. (US 5,737,491).

Claims 2, 14 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner has indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claims 1, 26 and 27 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 2, 14 and 16, respectively. In addition, claim 28 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 16. Accordingly, amended claims 1, 26, 27 and 28 are believed to be patentable over the cited art.

Claims 17 and 18 depend on amended claim 27, and therefore, are believed to be allowable at least due to their dependency on amended claim 27. Claim 3 has been amended to depend on allowable claim 29, and therefore, is believed to be allowable at least due to its dependency on claim 29. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 3, 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) are believed to be moot.

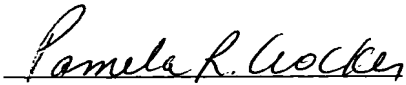
Claims 2, 14 and 16 have been cancelled. In addition, new claims 32 and 33 have been added. New claims 32 and 33 depend on claims 30 and 31, respectively, and therefore, are believed to be allowable at least due to their dependency on claims 30 and 31.

The Examiner is thanked for his allowance of claims 9, 21, 23, 25, 29, 30 and 31.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response,
Applicants' attorney would appreciate a telephone call to attend to these matters.

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